

Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is made up of two independent clauses connected by a coordinating conjunction. The parts of a compound sentence should be closely related.

An easy way to remember the coordinating conjunctions is to think of SOYFANB, which stands for the seven coordinating conjunctions:

so, or, yet, for, and, nor, but



Read each of the following compound sentences. Circle the coordinating conjunction. Then rewrite the compound sentence into two simple sentences.

1. A biography is the true story of the life of a real person, but it may tell about only one part of the person's life.

2. Jacob plans to read a book about Willie Mays, and Hoda wants to learn more about Roberto Clemente.

3. I read a biography of Walt Disney, so I understand more about the man behind the business.

4. He never went to a music school, yet he could play music beautifully.
